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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 90-30

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY GAIN COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: THE GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE (GAIN) ROLE IN
IMPLEMENTING THE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT TRANSITIONAL CHILD
CARE PROGRAM

This correspondence will describe the role of County GAIN staff during the implementation of the new 12-month Transitional Child Care (TCC) Program. This letter will also describe the new TCC eligibility requirements.

As you may already know, the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Policy Bureau has been given the responsibility to develop the new 12-month TCC Program effective April 1, 1990. Although each County will have flexibility in designating which staff will administer the new 12-month TCC Program, the County GAIN staff will continue to be responsible for those participants eligible for three months of GAIN TCC prior to April, 1990. These participants or their cases will be referred to as carry-over cases.

Carry-over cases will be participants who are eligible to receive three months of GAIN TCC on or before March 31, 1990 (prior to the implementation of the new 12-month TCC Program). These participants will be ineligible to receive the new 12-month TCC because their first month of ineligibility to receive AFDC was prior to April 1, 1990. However, they will be eligible to receive three full months of GAIN TCC. The GAIN staff will be responsible for all carry-over cases through the end of the three month GAIN TCC period. The GAIN case management staff performing activities for carry-over cases must continue to time study on Line E on the Employment Services Time Study (DFA 52) for the duration of the three month GAIN TCC period. The cost of GAIN TCC expenses paid during the three month period will continue to be claimed as Direct Costs to Program 422, GAIN TCC on the Administrative Expense Claim during the June 1990 quarter.

Instructions for time study and claiming procedures for the new 12-month TCC Program for the April - June 1990 quarter will be issued to Counties in a separate County Fiscal Letter (CFL).

Effective April 1, 1990, the eligibility requirements for the new 12-month TCC Program will be as follows:

- o A recipient must be ineligible for Federal AFDC due to increased hours of employment, increased earnings from employment or loss of time-limited income disregards (i.e., \$30 and 1/3).
- o The recipient must have been on Federal AFDC in at least three of the six months prior to the first month of TCC eligibility.
- o The recipient must be working and paying child care expenses for:
 - Children under age 13, children under court supervision, or children who are physically or mentally incapable of self-care.

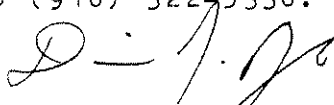
These children must have been in the assistance unit or would otherwise have been in the assistance unit except for receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Foster Care (FC). Children added to the family after AFDC termination who would have been in the assistance unit when the family was on AFDC can also receive TCC.

- o If additional eligibility requirements are developed they will be transmitted by AFDC Policy Bureau.

Due to the new TCC eligibility requirements, Counties will need to make changes to their informing procedures for the GAIN Program. First, the County GAIN staff should provide updated TCC information to GAIN participants in all components. Although all GAIN registrants are initially informed of the availability of TCC via the GAIN 1, GAIN Contract, General Agreement and the GAIN Guidebook provided during the Orientation component, SDSS encourages County GAIN staff to remind participants of the availability of TCC throughout their participation. The County must incorporate the updated TCC information into the Orientation/Appraisal component. Attached is a revised page 7 of the GAIN Guidebook which makes reference to the number of months a recipient may be eligible to receive TCC and the eligibility requirements.

Second, it will be necessary to inform all active GAIN registrants of the new 12-month TCC Program requirements. It is important that each registrant be informed individually and that each case file include documentation of when and how the registrant was informed. The attached informing notice contains suggested language to notify all GAIN registrants of the changes in eligibility requirements for the new 12-month TCC Program. Counties are expected to inform all GAIN registrants of the new TCC eligibility requirements by April 30, 1990.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the GAIN carry-over cases, please contact your GESOB Analyst at (916) 324-6962. If you have any questions regarding the new 12-month TCC Program, please contact the AFDC & Food Stamp Policy Interpretation Bureau at (916) 322-5330.



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Attachments

cc: CWDA



Section 2

Supportive Services

activity is to improve work skills and attitude. This assignment will be for up to one year and will be reviewed after six months.

If you don't find a job during the 90-day job search period, you will be assigned to long-term ADVANCED PREP. This assignment will last for one year unless you find a job first. Your PREP assignment will be reviewed after six months. After long-term PREP, your employment plan may be revised and you may be referred for more work or training assignments to help you reach your job goals.

As you can see, the whole idea of GAIN is to give you a range of training and services. You will develop skills so you can find the job that's right for you. GAIN is with you all the way to make sure that nothing stands in the way of your success.

GAIN understands that you may need more than just training and job counseling to take part in the GAIN program. That is why your county will help you arrange and/or pay for child care, transportation and other supportive services described below. If you need it and ask for it, your county will give you the money for your supportive services before the service is used. That way, you won't be out any money—even for a short time. If other funding sources are not available or are not enough to meet all your costs, your county must pay for the following:

Child care costs for any of your children who are under 12, if necessary for you to participate in GAIN. Your county will help you arrange for child care or you can make your own arrangements. You can choose the kind of child care you want, like a child care center, relatives, friends or neighbors. Payments can be made to licensed child care providers and, in some cases, to persons who don't need to be licensed. Payments will be made at the rate that is normally charged in the area where you live.

Transportation costs up to a certain amount for travel to and from your GAIN assignment, and for you and your children to travel to and from child care.

Work- or training-related costs up to a certain amount for books, tools and special clothing that you need as part of your GAIN assignment.

If you need **personal counseling** to help you participate in GAIN, and services are available in your community, the county will refer you to those places which may be able to help you.

TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

If you find a job and go off aid, you may be able to get help with your child care payments for 12 months, if you received Federal AFDC in 3 of the last 6 months prior to getting your job.

INFORMING NOTICE

		DATE
APPLICANT NAME	CASE NAME	
ADDRESS		CASE NUMBER

WHEN YOU STARTED IN GAIN YOU WERE TOLD YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO GET THREE MONTHS OF TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE AFTER YOU GOT A JOB AND WENT OFF AFDC.

STARTING APRIL 1, 1990 THE RULES FOR WHO CAN GET TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE AND HOW MUCH WE CAN PAY WILL BE DIFFERENT.

YOU MAY GET HELP WITH YOUR CHILD CARE COSTS FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS AFTER YOU GO OFF AFDC BECAUSE:

- YOU GOT A JOB, HAD INCREASED INCOME, WORKED MORE HOURS OR YOU LOST YOUR \$30 & 1/3 INCOME DISREGARD, AND
- YOU RECEIVED FEDERAL AFDC 3 OUT OF THE LAST 6 MONTHS BEFORE YOU WERE INELIGIBLE FOR AFDC, AND
- YOU ARE PAYING CHILD CARE FOR A CHILD UNDER AGE 13, UNDER COURT SUPERVISION OR WHO IS PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF SELF CARE.

YOU MUST REQUEST TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE DURING THE 12 MONTH TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE PERIOD.

CONTACT _____ FOR DETAILS OF ELIGIBILITY AND TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.